

**Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Friday, September 12, 2014
8:00 AM
Fire House**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Thayer at 0800 hours.

Members present: LT JoseqClaudio, Mr. Peter DeBrino, EMD Tim Kradas, PWD Todd Rolland, Supt. Maynard Suffredini, Dan Thayer and 1st Selectman Lisa Pellegrini.

Members absent: Mrs. Karen Hocking, Fire Chief Gary Scheissl, Mr. Joseph Tolisano

Also present: Deputy EMD Jeff Bord, Mr. William Boutwell, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone, Mrs. Paula LaFrance, Ms. Kim Littig, Town Clerk Ann Logan, and HSD Amy Saada.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

A draft of the July 11, 2014 Minutes was distributed prior to the meeting. The reading of the minutes was waived by voice vote. A motion to accept the minutes as drafted was made and seconded. There was no discussion. The Minutes were passed by voice vote.

Somers CERT Update

Mr. Thayer provided a brief update of CERT activities since the July meeting.

ID Card System

The 1st Selectman reported that a revised quotation was received from the Higgins Corporation, due to the efforts of DC Falcone. The new quotation provides for the generation of Salamander-compatible ID cards, but without any card reading capability. IT was felt that this more closely matched the needs of the Town at this time. It is anticipated that an order for the system shall be made in the near future.

LPFM Station

The 1st Selectman and Mr. Thayer reported that a quotation for the basic equipment necessary for remote access to WDJW had been received from Mr. John Ramsey. No further action has been taken. It is hoped that more progress will be made now that school is back in session. A source of funding for this undertaking has yet to be determined

New Business

Somers Emergency Management Director

Mr. Thayer reported that Mr. Tim Kradas had recently been appointed as the Somers Emergency Management Director, succeeding Mr. Joseph Tolisano. The group congratulated Mr. Kradas on his appointment.

Resignation of Chairman

Mr. Thayer stated that effective September 13, 2014; he was stepping down as Chairman of the Council. He explained that traditionally the Emergency Management Director (EMD) served as the Council Chairman. With the appointment of Mr. Kradas as EMD, Mr. Thayer felt it was appropriate for him to step down to make way for Mr. Kradas.

Election of Chairman

Mr. Thayer opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman. LT Claudio and Mr. Kradas were nominated and seconded. Mr. Kradas was selected to be Chairman in a 5-1 vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn, which was passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 AM

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Dan Thayer
Chairman

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